NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF KERR AVENUE (STATE ROAD 1175) FROM RANDALL PARKWAY TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY (U.S. 74) AND INTERCHANGE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY IN WILMINGTON

TIP Project No. U-3338 B&C

New Hanover County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a citizens' informational workshop for the above project on Monday, August 15, 2011 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Rachel Freeman School of Engineering, located at 2601 Princess Place Drive in Wilmington.

NCDOT proposes to widen Kerr Avenue (State Road 1175) to a four-lane roadway with a 23-foot raised median, five-foot sidewalks and dedicated four-foot bicycle lanes on both sides. The project will widen Kerr Avenue from Randall Parkway to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway (U.S. 74). In addition, the project will include the construction of a half-clover interchange with Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

At the request of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the city of Wilmington, NCDOT completed studies for an additional alternative, a quadrant intersection design at the Kerr Avenue and Market Street intersection. This quadrant design is currently recommended. The 1.7-mile project will require additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses.

Citizens are invited to speak individually with NCDOT officials and to review the project area map. Aerial mapping denoting the project area will be displayed at the workshop. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Comments and suggestions received will be considered during the design phase. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ted Devens of the NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6018 or via email at tedevens@ncdot.gov. Citizens can also contact project manager Nicole Bennett with Mulkey Engineers and Consultants at 6750 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518, via phone at (919) 858-1921 or via email at nbennett@mulkeyinc.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Bennett as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.